

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1335
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POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any plan for the speedy implementation of target set for opening up of Post Offices in rural areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to privatise the work of opening of Post Offices in rural areas partly in order to achieve the target;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of villages identified for the purpose and the criteria fixed in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) It is proposed to open 500 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in rural areas in current year. The details of targets for opening of post offices in rural areas are given in Annexure. The opening of new post offices is dependent upon fulfillment of departmental norms and sanctioning of posts by Ministry of Finance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e): No reply called for in view of (c) above.

ANNEXURE

Targets for opening of Post Offices in Rural area for the year 2000-2001

S.NO. NAME OF CIRCLE EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL BRANCH OFFICES

(EDBOs)

1	ANDHRA PRADESH	15
2	ASSAM	30
3	BIHAR	75
4	DELHI	4
5	GUJARAT	20
6	HARYANA	15
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	7
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	5
9	KARNATAKA	21
10	KERALA	4
11	MADHYA PRADESH	40
12	MAHARASHTRA	60
13	NORTH EAST	40
14	ORISSA	10
15	PUNJAB	14
16	RAJASTHAN	20
17	TAMIL NADU	15
18	UTTAR PRADESH	50
19	WEST BENGAL	55

TOTAL 500